

## Public Law 85-653

## AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Compact.

August 14, 1958  
[S. 3987]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent and approval of Congress is given to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Compact, as hereinafter set out. Such compact reads as follows:

Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Compact.  
Congressional consent.

## TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT COMPACT

## ARTICLE I

The purpose of this compact is to promote the development of a navigable waterway connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers by way of the east fork of the Tombigbee River and Mackeys and Yellow Creeks so as to provide a nine-foot navigable channel from the junction of the Tombigbee and Warrior Rivers at Demopolis in the State of Alabama to the junction of Yellow Creek with the Tennessee River at Pickwick Pool in the State of Mississippi, and to establish a joint interstate authority to assist in these efforts.

## ARTICLE II

This compact shall become effective immediately as to the States ratifying it whenever the States of Alabama and Mississippi have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any State not mentioned in this article which is contiguous with any member State may become a party to this compact, subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member States.

## ARTICLE III

The States which are parties to this compact (hereinafter referred to as "party States") do hereby establish and create a joint agency which shall be known as the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority"). The membership of which Authority shall consist of the governor of each party State and five other citizens of each party State, to be appointed by the governor thereof. Each appointed member of the Authority shall be a citizen of that State who is interested in the promotion and development of waterways and water transportation. The appointive members of the Authority shall serve for terms of four years each. Vacancies on the Authority shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired portion of the term. The members of the Authority shall not be compensated, but each shall be entitled to actual expenses incurred in attending meetings, or incurred otherwise in the performance of his duties as a member of the Authority. The members of the Authority shall hold regular quarterly meetings and such special meetings as its business may require. They shall choose annually a chairman and vice chairman from among their members, and the chairmanship shall rotate each year among the party States in order of their acceptance of this compact. The secretary of the Authority (hereinafter provided for) shall notify each member in writing of all meetings of the Authority in such a manner and under such rules and regulations as the Authority may prescribe. The Authority shall adopt rules and regulations

for the transaction of its business; and the secretary shall keep a record of all its business, and shall furnish a copy thereof to each member of the Authority. It shall be the duty of the Authority, in general, to promote, encourage, and coordinate the efforts of the party States to secure the development of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Toward this end, the Authority shall have power to hold hearings; to conduct studies and surveys of all problems, benefits, and other matters associated with the development of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, and to make reports thereon; to acquire, by gift or otherwise, and hold and dispose of such money and property as may be provided for the proper performance of their functions; to cooperate with other public or private groups, whether local, State, regional, or national, having an interest in waterways development; to formulate and execute plans and policies for emphasizing the purpose of this compact before the Congress of the United States and other appropriate officers and agencies of the United States; and to exercise such other powers as may be appropriate to enable it to accomplish its functions and duties in connection with the development of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and to carry out the purposes of this compact.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Authority shall appoint a secretary, who shall be a person familiar with the nature, procedures, and significances of inland waterways development and the informational, educational, and publicity methods of stimulating general interest in such developments, and who shall be the compact administrator. His term of office shall be at the pleasure of the Authority and he shall receive such compensation as the Authority shall prescribe. He shall maintain custody of the Authority's books, records, and papers, which he shall keep at the office of the Authority, and he shall perform all functions and duties and exercise all powers and authorities that may be delegated to him by the Authority.

#### ARTICLE V

Each party State agrees that, when authorized by its legislature, it will from time to time make available and pay over to the Authority such funds as may be required for the establishment and operation of the Authority. The contribution of each party State shall be in the proportion that its population bears to the total population of the States which are parties hereto, as shown by the most recent official report of the United States Bureau of the Census, or upon such other basis as may be agreed upon.

#### ARTICLE VI

Nothing in this compact shall be construed so as to conflict with any existing statute, or to limit the powers of any party State, or to repeal or prevent legislation, or to authorize or permit curtailment or diminution of any other waterway project, or to affect any existing or future cooperative arrangement or relationship between any Federal agency and a party State.

#### ARTICLE VII

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each party State until the legislature or governor of each or either State takes action to withdraw therefrom: *Provided*, That such withdrawal

shall not become effective until six months after the date of the action taken by the legislature or governor. Notice of such action shall be given to the other party State or States by the secretary of state of the party State which takes such action.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given to any State to become a party to it in accordance with its terms.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved August 14, 1958.

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### AN ACT

To amend the vessel admeasurement laws relating to water ballast spaces.

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[S. 3499]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That subdivision (i) of section 4153 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (46 U. S. C. 77 (i)), is further amended by inserting after "cargo" where it appears in the last sentence of the fifth paragraph of subdivision (i) the parenthetical phrase "(other than ballast water for use for underwater drilling, mining, and related purposes, including production)"; so that the last sentence will read as follows: "From the gross tonnage there shall be deducted any other space adapted only for water ballast certified by the collector not to be available for the carriage of cargo (other than ballast water for use for underwater drilling, mining, and related purposes, including production), stores, supplies, or fuel."

Vessels.  
Water ballast  
spaces.

Approved August 14, 1958.

## Public Law 85-655

### AN ACT

To extend certain veterans' benefits to or on behalf of dependent husbands and widowers of female veterans.

August 14, 1958  
[H. R. 5322]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That title I of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Veterans.  
71 Stat. 88.  
38 U. S. C. 2101-  
2106.

#### "DEPENDENT HUSBANDS

"SEC. 107. For the purposes of all laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, (1) the term 'wife' includes the husband of any female veteran if such husband is incapable of self-maintenance and is permanently incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disability, and (2) the term 'widow' includes the widower of any female veteran if such widower is incapable of self-maintenance and was permanently incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disability at the time of the veteran's death."

SEC. 2. The table of contents in the first section of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by inserting immediately below

71 Stat. 83.

"Sec. 106. Discharge or release includes retirement."

the following:

"Sec. 107. Dependent husbands."

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